

House Resolution 453

By: Representative Jones of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Hiram A. (Joe) Little as the Distinguished Senior Georgian for 2007; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Hiram A. Little was born in Eatonton, Georgia, on March 31, 1919, and was
4 one of the original Tuskegee Airmen; and

5 WHEREAS, he served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II from 1941
6 to 1945, assigned to the 99th Fighter Squadron at Tuskegee Army Air Field, where he
7 installed and maintained weapons systems on fighter aircraft and later became a
8 navigator-bombardier as a crew member and flight officer on the B-25 Bomber, assigned to
9 the 477th Bomber Group; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Little graduated from Morehouse College with a Bachelor of Science in
11 Chemistry in 1947 and more recently received a Certificate in Carpentry from Atlanta
12 Technical College in 2006; and

13 WHEREAS, he is a former scout master and one of the founders of the Atlanta Chapter,
14 Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (TAI) Explorers Scout Program and holds the record for the number
15 of public appearances for TAI, annually averaging about 30 such appearances at public
16 schools and colleges; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Little is a constant contributor to Aviation Career Enrichment (ACE)
18 camps, conducted by the Organization of Black Airline Pilots (OBAP), the National
19 Coalition of Black Federal Aviation Employees (NCBFAE), the Alliance of Black
20 Telecommunications Employees (ABTE), the Explorer Scout Programs in Georgia and
21 Alabama, and serves on the Board of Directors at the American Museum of Patriotism and
22 the Atlanta Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., where he serves as the Chaplain; and

1 WHEREAS, "Hiram A. Little Day" is celebrated annually every third Sunday in February
2 at the Texas AME Church in Eatonton, Georgia, as a testament to his many contributions;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Little has the energy and tenacity of a much younger person, continuing to
5 inspire young and old and encouraging them to recognize and appreciate the importance of
6 developing a positive self-worth.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body recognize and commend Mr. Hiram A. (Joe) Little as the
9 Distinguished Senior Georgian for 2007.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Hiram A. (Joe) Little.